

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Conference Report on Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Reconciliation Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7409–S7457

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2903–2907, and S. Res. 339–340. **Page S7448**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1482, to amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–353)

H.R. 4690, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7447**

Measures Passed:

Thrift Savings Requirements: Senate passed H.R. 208, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow for the contribution of certain rollover distributions to accounts in the Thrift Savings Plan, and to eliminate certain waiting-period requirements for participating in the Thrift Savings Plan, after agreeing to committee amendments. **Pages S7455–56**

Naturalization Waiver of Oath: Senate passed S. 2812, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide a waiver of the oath of renunciation and allegiance for naturalization of aliens having certain disabilities. **Page S7456**

Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Reconciliation Act—Conference Report: By 60 yeas to 34 nays, (Vote No. 226), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4810, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(a)(1) of the concurrent resolu-

tion on the budget for fiscal year 2001, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7409–16**

Agriculture Appropriations—Modified Amendment: Cochran (for Warner) Amendment No. 4008 (adopted by the Senate on July 20, 2000) to H.R. 4461, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (passed by the Senate on July 20, 2000), was modified. **Page S7456**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate Confirmed the following nominations:

Johnnie B. Rawlinson, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Dennis M. Cavanaugh, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

John E. Steele, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida vice a new position created by Public Law 106–113, approved November 29, 1999.

Gregory A. Presnell, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida vice a new position created by Public Law 106–113, approved November 29, 1999.

James S. Moody, Jr., of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida vice a new position created by Public Law 106–113, approved November 29, 1999.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Susan Ritchie Bolton, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona vice Robert C. Broomfield, retired.

Mary H. Murguia, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona vice a new position created by Public Law 106–113, approved November 29, 1999.

James A. Teilborg, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona vice a new position created by Public Law 106–113, approved November 29, 1999.

George A. Omas, of Mississippi, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2006. (Reappointment)

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—226) Page S7416

Recess: Senate convened at 9:00 a.m., and recessed at 2:12 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, July 24, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7456.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Robert S. LaRussa, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, and Marjory E. Searing, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. LaRussa was introduced by Representative Levin.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee continued markup of H.R. 701, to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Monday, July 24, 2000.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1536, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to extend authorizations of appropriations for programs under the Act, to modernize programs and services for older individuals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2764, to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 to extend the authorizations of appropriations for the programs carried out under such Acts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Holly J. Burkhalter, of the District of Columbia, Barbara W. Snelling, of Vermont, Harriet M. Zimmerman, of Florida, and Marc E. Leland, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace, Francis J. Duggan, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board, Nina V. Fedoroff, of Pennsylvania, Diana S. Natalicio, of Texas, Warren M. Washington, of Colorado, John A. White, Jr., of Arkansas, and Jane Lubchenco, of Oregon, each to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, Gordon S. Heddell, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Labor, Carol W. Kinsley, of Massachusetts, and Robert B. Rogers, of Missouri, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and Donald J. Sutherland, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.